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Executive Secretary
7 December 1981

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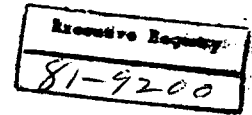
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
THE DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE AND RESEARCH
WASHINGTON

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December 7, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable
William J. Casey
Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Request for Special National Intelligence
Estimates

The Secretary has asked for a SNIE on the potential implications for the US in the event of a deterioration of US-China relations. This study would supplement the recent IIM on Deng and the FX. To be of maximum use to the policy-makers, the study should be completed by January 6.

The SNIE, in our view, should cover the impact of a down-graded US-China relationship on:

- the global strategic situation, including its effect on the US ability to limit Soviet military and political freedom of maneuver;
- China's relations with the USSR;
- efforts of allies and friends, such as NATO, Japan, ANZUS, and Pakistan to maintain good relations with China;
- US relations with those allies and friends;
- international efforts to counter aggression in Afghanistan and Kampuchea;
- China's approach to Third World countries and issues;
- Taiwan's long-term security interests;
- development of the political, cultural, and economic aspects of US-China relations;
- the size of the US surplus in our trade with China.

Hugh Montgomery

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